GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7051
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SON OF SUSPECTED ISI AGENT RECRUITED IN ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the son of a suspected ISI man has been recruited in Army, as published in Asian Age dated April 26, 2000;;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any inquiry in the matter has been conducted; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A news item regarding the issue had come to the notice of Government. In view of the sensitivity of the implications, the matter had been immediately taken up with Army Headquarters. Pursuant to further correspondence on the subject, Army Headquarters have been asked to enquire into certain specific aspects. The response of Army Headquarters is awaited. Appropriate follow up action will be taken in the matter, to safeguard national security interests, after receipt of necessary inputs from Army Headquarters.